



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Satoshi EJIMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2615

Application No.: 09/927,326

Examiner: B. Genco

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Docket No.: 032470.01

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM

CONFIRMATION OF THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On August 13, 2004, the Patent Office issued an Office Action for the above-identified application. Accordingly, the three month shortened statutory period for reply to the Office Action expired on November 13, 2004, which was extendible to February 13, 2005. Because February 13, 2005 was a Sunday, a response could be filed as late as February 14, 2005.

On February 14, 2005, Applicants filed a Rule 53(b) continuing application of Application No. 09/927,326. The application number for that continuing application is not yet available to Applicants. For the convenience of the Patent Office, a copy of the Continuing Application Transmittal is attached hereto.

Although Applicants prepared and intended to file a separate Petition for a three month Extension of Time in the above-identified Application No. 09/927,326 to ensure that such application remained co-pending with the continuing application filed on February 14, 2005, due to a clerical error, the Petition for Extension of Time was not submitted to the Patent Office. For the Patent Office's convenience, a copy of the Petition for Extension of Time and check no. 163581 for \$1,020 is attached hereto.

However, page 3 of the February 14, 2005 Continuing Application Transmittal contained the following Deposit Account authorization "Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461." (See page 3 of the attached Continuing Application Transmittal.) Accordingly, the Continuing Application Transmittal filed in the February 14, 2005 Rule 53(b) continuing application instructed and authorized the Patent Office to charge Deposit Account No. 15-0461 for any necessary extension. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the Continuing Application Transmittal filed on February 14, 2005 timely instructed and authorized the Patent Office to charge Deposit Account No. 15-0461 for a Three Month Extension of Time in Application No. 09/927,326. In order to further clarify the written record, Applicants submit the Petition for Extension of Time that was intended to be filed on February 14. If the Patent Office has not yet charged Deposit Account No. 15-0461 for the Three Month Extension of Time, the Patent Office is requested to merely cash the enclosed the check for the requisite Three Month Extension fee.

The appropriate Patent Office official is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Copy of February 14, 2005 Continuing Application Transmittal
Petition for Extension of Time for Application No. 09/927,326

Date: February 15, 2005

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